

As an XM subscriber for over 2 years now I cannot believe that this kind of campaign is going on to squelch the traffic and weather reports. We pay for it!! As an over the road truck driver I have come to depend on the Weather Channel to plan ahead into the regions I am going into. Now that they have added the Instant Traffic and Weather, it has become an even MORE reliable source.

With all the legislation, laws and the EPA against us truck drivers and with everything else we have to deal with each day, doesn't it make sense to hear ahead of a traffic back up due to an accident or construction and avoid it? We keep hearing the statistics of how much carbon is going into our air in the big cities, like Los Angeles, because of standing still traffic. When I get into Barstow, CA I turn to XM channel 222 just to hear about what is going on in L.A. and plan on an alternate route if need be.

You know, it's bad enough that I have to deal with an EPA mandated engine in my truck, the loss of up to 2 miles per gallon, loss of horsepower, the change in Hours of Service, the parking problems and with the fuel prices these days, it has become a never ending nightmare out here. So doesn't it make sense to have information at hand to help in a job that is regulated to death as it is in order to perform more efficiently?

Now, I know not EVERY single truck driver has XM, but more and more companies are offering it to their drivers, at no cost to the driver. Giving a driver this valuable information, with Instant Traffic & Weather, helps them to do their job in an efficient manner, which is beneficial to everyone, including YOU!

Think about the already trickle down affect the fuel prices have to the general consumer as it is, and to take away ANOTHER cost effective tool to everyone in this industry is just ludicrous. If the special interest groups and government regulations keep going, pretty soon these jobs are slowly but surely going to be given away to Mexico, let more and more of them come over here WITHOUT mandated motors, then watch the EPA scream, because no one will want to deal with it anymore!

WE PAY FOR THIS SERVICE!!! WE NEED IT!!! WE DEPEND ON IT!!! TAKE IT AWAY AND YOU ARE JUST SETTING US UP FOR MORE OF A SETBACK, AGAIN!!!

Please DO NOT let this NAB group go through with this. It is our right to know what is going on with traffic!!!! XM radio has helped me keep going in a job I despise as it is. If it wasn't for XM, I would have hung it up along time ago!

Thank you and I hope someone with some reality in their head stops this whole idea taking frution. ENOUGH ALREADY!!!!

Sincerely, September L. Standefer